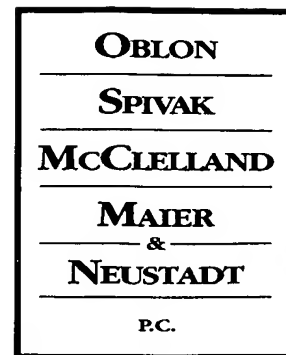




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APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AMOUNT OF
TONER TRANSFER, GRADATION PATTERN, AND
METHODS OF CONTROLLING TONER DENSITY
AND IMAGE DENSITY

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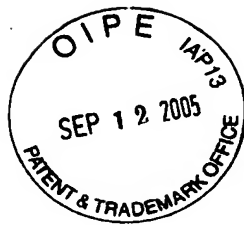
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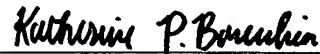
In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated August 11, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Group I, and identifies Claims 1-25 as readable thereon.

As set forth in MPEP § 803, "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." The claims of Groups I-III appear to be part of an overlapping search area. For example, Figures 14, 15, 16, and 31 are also related to Claims 1-25, even though they are listed as part of Species II.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding Election of Species requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-158 be conducted.

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